The Baronial Shaft

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The official newsletter of the Barony of al-Barran August 2012 (AS XLVII)

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From the Baron and Baroness

To the proud populace of al-Barran, we send greetings!

Al-Barran Day of A&S was an incredible event. The competition was grand, Scorpions In Any Medium were abundant, and we thoroughly enjoyed the company of our gracious Stag Crown. Congratulations to those awarded recognition and to the winners of the various competitions. Huzzah!

Thank you to those al-Barranians who travelled to the Academy of Grace and Valor to teach, learn, and serve at that fine event. Thank you also to Duchess Kathryn and Edric who traveled with us to Battlemoor site clean up opposite of Grace and Valor. The Battlemoor sites is continually improving, but please know that the land does not groom itself – it requires the care of us all. His Excellency is looking forward to the next site clean-up August 11-12, and would appreciate your company. Her Excellency will remain in al-Barran to attend Mistress Cecelia Mowebray's silk Banner painting class the weekend of August 11-12.

Clan War, August 3-5 will be a themed event, in Citadelean style. Come romp with us and partake of the hospitality "in them thar hills"! Shire Defender will be held in the Shire of Rio de las Animas August 18-19 and affords us the opportunity to compete and spend time with our friends to the north.

REMINDER: Battlemoor III Acceps pre-registration closes 8/8, and pre-registration by mail closes 8/9. Land allocation will be based on registered numbers, so please pre-reg! Additionally, contact Sir Tancred with your numbers and tent sizes if you care to camp with the Barony to ensure adequate space. The Baronial enclosed trailer has space available for a mere $1 per cubic foot round trip! We will plan to have the trailer at fighter Practice Park the Sunday before Battlemoor III opens, and return for unloading at fighter Practice Park the Sunday after the event.

Fall Crown Tournament is being held in Windkeep September 14-16; if you plan to attend, consider carpooling with a friend to share that long drive and making your hotel reservations soon!

Join us at Fall Melees & SCA Village at the Santa Fe Renaissance Fair September 21-23. There will be camping available at Ranchos de los Golondrinas where the event will be held. If you cannot spend the weekend, please plan to spend Sunday at the Fall Melees in lieu of fighter practice at Montgomery Park. Remember your blue card – it's your ticket in for free!

Fontaine invites us to Warders of the Western Gate September 28-30. Ready your armor, sharpen your rapier, pack your bow, and prepare to meet the challenge for the Sable Warder!

It's not too early to being thinking about Midwinter, December 15th. The theme this year is The Canterbury Tales. We are very excited and look forward to this grand event. Please consider the donation of your time and check in with the event steward for opportunities that suit your talents. As her Excellency says, "Service is FUN!!!"

Our best to you,

The Baronial Court

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Otto der Schwarzherz

Baroness
Elisee de Calais

Baroness's Champion
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Baronial Court Chamberlain
Lady Shazadi

Captain of the Guard
THL Kaz de Rhode
Lt. Lord Godfrey

Captain of the Condotierri
Lord Vicente Zorro de Caloca

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Trygvve, Arturo, Lord Kendrick, Sigurth Kveld-Ulf, Lord Gwydion, Ld Chagatai

Condotierri
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Mistress of the Robes
Lady Solveig Hakonsdottir

Master Swordsman
Count Walrick de Blakeney

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THL Ceridwen de Gyrlyngton

Camp Coordinator
Lord Alysander Keyth

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Lady Shazadi of the Barking Spyder, Lady Isabella, Lady Willocqeau, Lady Arianna

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Lord Gatlon de Sepatura of Fontaine dans Sable

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Sir Tam Grimm

Lady of May
THL Lady Somisawhel de Sousa

Lord of Outlandish
Sir Thomas Winterbourne

Cut and Thrust Champion
Lord Godric (Premier)

Flower of Chivalry
THL Beatrice De Craie

Rapier Flower of Chivalry
Lord Sorkhan Aratai

Bard of al-Barran
Lord Fynn of Blaiddwyn

Protector of the Baroness's Heart
Lord Vicente Zorro de Caloca

Champion Archer
HE Estevan de Sepultura

Lord Commander
Earl Cameron Blackswan

Baronial Arts and Science Champion
Lady Wu

Baronial Household Steward
Lord Lucas

Letter from the Seneschal

Greetings all who come by these letters,

Mmmmm, I want to host an event…… How many to plan for?? Who did this event last time?? How do I do a budget?? What info do they want?? What should I say, how do I write it all down so it makes sense??.....

A project longtime in the making is complete and posted on the Seneschal Office page of the al-Barran web page. There you will find answers to all these questions and more. There is an Event Steward Handbook, a how to plan and submit an event proposal written by Mistress Cailte, the Baronial Financial Policy, Event Bid Form and Budget Calculation Tool. There are Events Grid documents for 2010, 2011 and 2012. These grids list that year's events with event info; who, what, where, when and budget.

As a further compliment for your event planning, an Inventory of the Keep can be found on the Quartermaster Office page along with common sense rules for checking items out for events and a map so you can locate what you need.

This year's events have all been bid for an awarded, but….. Next year's events are in need of Stewards!! Check it out, talk to your friends and get planning!! I will be inquiring for bids for next year's events in September.

Huzzah to all those that assisted in making this project a rousing success!!

THL Diana of Llanberris OFO
Seneschal

al-Barran Midwinter

"This is the point, to put it short and plain,

That each of you, beguiling the long day,

Shall tell two stories as you wend your way

To Canterbury town; and each of you

On coming home, shall tell another two,

All of adventures he has known befall.

And he who plays his part the best of all,

That is to say, who tells upon the road

Tales of best sense, in most amusing mode,

Shall have a supper at the others' cost

Here in this room and sitting by this post,

When we come back again from Canterbury."

- Prologue, Canterbury Tales, Geoffrey Chaucer

Otto der Schwarzherz & Elisée de Calais, Baron and Baroness of al-Barran, invite all near and far to join them as they celebrate this joyous yuletide season at al-Barran's Midwinter & War Practice.

In honor of Chaucer's "The Canterbury Tales," Otto and Elisée bid all to come and share a tale for the entertainment of their populace – and the possibility of a free meal! The winner of the bardic competition will, in true Chaucer fashion, have their feast on us.

For A&S lovers, come and test your skills at our various A&S competitions:

- Outfit a Newcomer for $30 or Less
- Seige A&S Competition
- Desert Contest

In addition, we will have games, classes, and fighting – something for everyone!

Mark your calendars – we look forward to seeing you there!

Site Fees:
Adult Site (18 and older) - $10
Adult Site & Feast - $20
Youth Site (5 -17) - $5
Youth Site & Feast - $10
Child Site/Site & Feast (4 and under) - $0

Please note that site is dry – no alcohol allowed.

al-Barran's Midwinter & War Practice
December 15th - 16th

Midwinter:
December 15th, 2012 – 9:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.
Montgomery Church of Christ
7201 Montgomery Blvd. NE
Albuquerque, NM

Take your best route to Albuquerque.

From I-25: Take the Montgomery exit (Exit 228). On Montgomery, go east approximately 2.5 miles. Shortly past Louisiana, site is on the north side of the road.

From I-40: Take the Louisiana exit (Exit 162). On Louisiana, go north approximately 2.5 miles to Montgomery. Turn right (east) onto Montgomery. Site is located on the north side of the road.

War Practice:

December 16th, 2012 – 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Montgomery Park

From I-25: Take the Montgomery exit (Exit 228). On Montgomery, go east approximately 1.5 miles to San Mateo. Go south on San Mateo approximately .5 miles to Ponderosa. Turn east on Ponderosa. Park is on the south side of the road.

From I-40: Take the San Mateo exit (Exit 161). Go north on San Mateo approximately 1.5 miles. Turn east onto Ponderosa. Park is on south side of the road.

SILK BANNER PAINING CLASS ANNOUNCEMENT

I will be hosting a two-day silk banner painting workshop on August 11-12. For the cost of materials, you can come with heraldry and leave with a silk banner just in time for Battlemoor!

The workshop will take place in the cafeteria at Sandia Prep in Albuquerque, starting at 10 am both Saturday and Sunday. The tentative cost will be $30 for supplies (it may change depending on the number of people and the end cost of the site) and banner frames may be available for purchase, as well.

In order to get supplies in time, I will cut off registration on Friday, July 20. If you have any questions or would like to sign up, please message me privately at megatrope @ yahoo.com.

If you know of anyone outside of al-Barran who might be interested, please feel free to cross post.

Thanks!
Countess Cecilia Mowebray, OL

I say Battle… You say Moor!!!

Greetings all:

The first five attendees at the Polynesian party will receive a full sleeve tribal tattoo! Well… perhaps not.

But now is the time to start considering what to make, what to wear to Battlemoor's Friday Night Polynesian Party.

Drummers, dancers, boat races and coconut games. Coconut games?? Yup. Bring your favorite partner for that one.

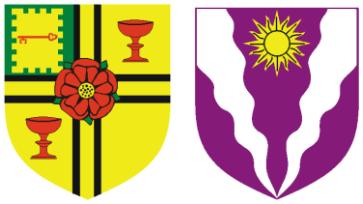
There will be a bit of a costume contest for this party so start going through your things to find that grass skirt or sarong you packed away years ago.

Or, if you are like me (Gio), make a new one because anything packed away years ago… may not fit! ;-)

If you do not wish to wear Polynesian, sailing clothes fit for a Portuguese explorer is also appropriate. Magellan and his crew were in Guam in March of 1521 (well within our period window).

We hope everyone attends and has a great time. See you soon!!

Giovanni and Cainnleach



I want to tell you that your Baron and Baroness spent this past weekend clearing a new access road and camping space. They worked their hin.....s off. Come to the clean-up on Aug 11-12 to help them clean, cut trees and clear camping space..... more than likely for the Barony folks to camp in..... more from them later I'm sure. They will also need bodies to help put up 2 more walls on the castle. It's hard work folks and the more hands the easier and faster it will get done.

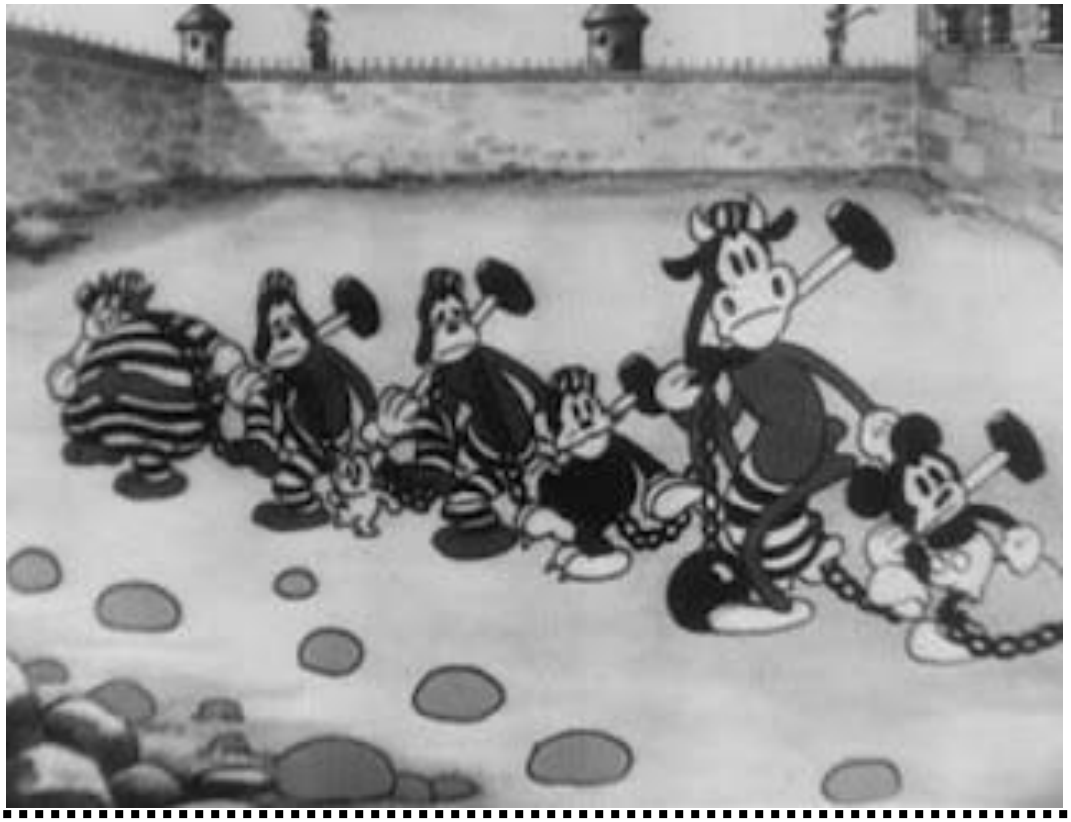
Come up and support this worthy cause and make this event AWESOME!!!

Kathryn

Calling all able-bodied, hard-working Outlanders! Battlemoor is nigh upon us, and a great deal more needs to be done on site to finish improvements to the land. Please, if you are able, come to the next Battlemoor Clean Up scheduled for August 11 & 12. You can show up Friday night, pitch your tent in town square, then pitch in for a full day on Saturday and Sunday. You don't even have to bring food, I will feed you! I am planning on serving breakfast, lunch and dinner on Saturday and breakfast and lunch on Sunday.

Please let me know ASAP if you can attend so that we can get work crews together and I can plan for food...

YIS,
Lady Morgan Cheyney



Greetings from The Rapier Marshal

I am glad to assume the office of Baronial Rapier Marshal of Al-Barran. I hope that my service may be a boon to you and all.

Herein please find the Al-Barran Baronial Rapier Marshal's report for June 2012 and Grand Outlandish XXIX:

Fighter Practices:

Al-Barran's Sunday fighter practices have seen the attendance of 7-10 fencers during the month of June.

Four unauthorized fencers and four white scarves have attended practice this month. The unauthorized fighters have been receiving instruction and are showing interest in continuing with fighting in the SCA.

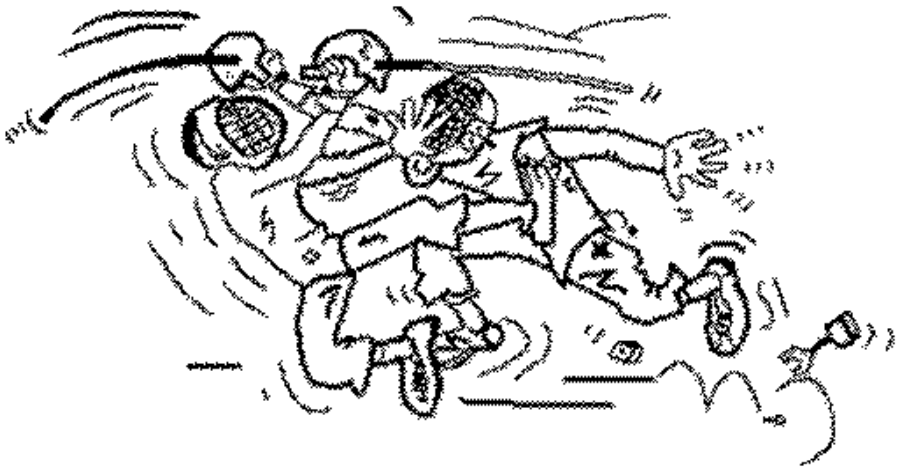
Additionally, this month, Al-Barran saw the arrival of two fencers from Trimaris, Ragnar and Rafin. They've felt welcome enough to come out twice in the two weeks they've been here and are being introduced to Outlands conventions by the most senior fencers on the field. Rest assured that their retraining is being carefully monitored, and that they are by no means practicing against anyone who does not fully aware of what to watch out for. Still, they are a delight to have in our barony.

Moving on to Cut & Thrust, we've had had between 2 and 4 cut & thrust fighters per practice, including one knight and two white scarves, one of whom is the current Kingdom C&T Marshal.

I have set for myself the goal of doubling Al-Barran's rapier fighter attendance at practice by this time next year, and I am beginning to conspire with the Baronial Hospitaller to this end.

In Your Service,

Sorkhan



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Arts & Sciences Report

Greetings unto the creative populace of al-Barran!

I've been delighted to see, as always, many al-Barranians hard at work on their divers projects. I attended Nock on Wood (a wonderful event!) and was pleased to see an impressive display of hand-made arrows on display, and many's the citizen who told me of an exciting project in the works for al-Barran Day of A&S. Well, al-Barran, do you need more art in your life? (Yes. The answer is yes.) Not a problem!

Beginning August 1st, there will be Arts in the Parks at each First Sunday Get-Together. I will provide the tables-- you bring any projects you'd like to show off, finished or not. Don't forget to bring raw materials and extra research papers if you have them, with which to teach our knowledge-hungry populace about your project. There will be more classes taught at fighter practice park. IF you would like to teach (or if there's a particular class you'd like to see taught,) please contact me so we can make that happen.

Also-- there's a new CONTEST! It has been said by some that the security personnel at Grand Outlandish should stand out as security. Like police officers in the mundane world, it would make them easier to recognize for those seeking help. So--

It's up to YOU to design an al-Barran Security tabard! Here are the rules: It must display al-Barran colors. It must be readily recognizable as security while looking medieval, not modern. And-- that's it! Entries should be turned in to me at quillonflyingfox@gmail.com, or in person. Deadline is September 30. The winner will receive a medieval sewing kit donated by Katharine of Northhall, as well as recognition for having designed a fine and useful item of art!

YIS,

Quilleann Jorhild Hrafnskald (Quillon,) Minister of Arts and Sciences, barony of al-Barran

Grand Outlandish 39
Lost and Found

Greetings!
We had a great time at Grand Outlandish. As is usual with an event, there are items that lost their owners. If you lost something at Grand Outlandish, please take a moment to check the list below:

Baseball Cap, Air Force
Small hammer, pink handle
Gold ring, beaded band
Red and black scarf, peacock design
Reading glasses, wire frame
Tan pouch, marbles
Silver tankard, 6" tall
Sunglasses, Ironman
Tan coif
Black sunglasses
Twine necklace, purple stone
Natural fiber sun hat, large
Folding chair, tan with cloth covered seat and back.

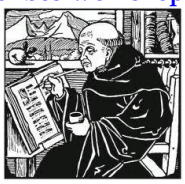
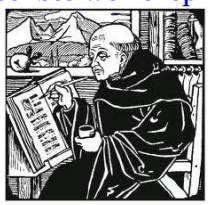
Please contact me via email to set a time to retrieve your lost item.
We are looking for a yellow handled mallet, so please let me know if you have found it.
Also, if you found any items from Grand Outlandish, please let me know so that I can help find their owners.
Sir Dennis the Wright, Autocrat
sirdenniswright@comcast.net

From the Chronicler:

Errata report:

OK, back by popular demand… a pictured and full calendar. For those many of you that bemoaned the lack of "extra" items and pictures on the calendar, you have your wish!

Please remember to have your articles, reports, submissions, artwork, information, etc. etc. etc. on or before the 20th of the month PRIOR to the month you would like it included on that months Shaft.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 National Girlfriends Day 	2 National Ice Cream Sandwich Day 	**3** **National Watermelon Day** 	**4** **Archery Practice**
5 **Fighter Practice (9:00 am)** **Montgomery Park**	**6** **Blaiddwyn Dance Practice 6:30 – 8:30 Carlisle Gym**	**7** *Newcomers Meeting* *Welcome*	**8** **Scribes Workshop** 	**9** National Polka Day 	**10** National Lazy Day 	**11** **Archery Practice**
12 **Fighter Practice (9:00 am)** **Montgomery Park**	13 **Blaiddwyn Dance Practice 6:30 – 8:30 Carlisle Gym**	**14** **National Navajo Code Talkers Day** 	**15** National Failures Day 	**16** National Rum Day 	**17** **Weaving Workshop, Contact Monika the Fair at 505-323-5569**	**18** **Archery Practice**
19 **Fighter Practice (9:00 am)** **Montgomery Park**	**20** **Blaiddwyn Dance Practice 6:30 – 8:30 Carlisle Gym**	**21** **Citizens Meeting 7:00**	**22** **Scribes Workshop** 	**23** National Sponge Cake Day 	**24** National Knife Day 	**25** **Archery Practice**
26 **Fighter Practice (9:00 am)** **Montgomery Park**	27 **Blaiddwyn Dance Practice 6:30 – 8:30 Carlisle Gym**	**28** **National Cherry Turnover Day** 	29 Lemon Juice Day 	30 National Toasted Marshmallow Day 	**31** **National Trail Mix Day** 	**32** **Are We Paying Attention Day?**

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From the Herald

Greetings;

The Herald's office is humming right along and submissions are being tackled. Reminder that if you have submitted a name, device, or badge that has been returned it does not cost anything to resubmit. So if you would like to have another go at it please talk to us in the herald's office ~ we are here to help you the best way we can.

Congratulations to His Excellency for the passing of His device - Don't worry we will keep it safe till you are able to take it up again.

As always my deputy Lord Anzlem will be at Montgomery Park on the first Sunday of each month to conduct heraldry consultations. Submissions are due by 7pm on the third Tuesday of each month.

A CHALLENGE FROM SCORPION PURSUVIANT

Challenge from the Scorpion Pursuviant's office involving TE Don Otto and Her

Ladyship Elisee ~The best Baron and Baroness in the Known World contest. Everyone has heard those commercials featuring the most interesting man in the world. Well the herald's office is looking for some of those sayings with an al-Barran's twist. Use your imagination, your creativity, and your PG thinking to come up with some sayings that fit TE Otto and Elisee. There will be a prize given for the most original saying, and all/or some of them will be used as al-Barran's Champion event Oct. 5- 7, 2012.

Entries must be turned in by September 25, 2012 to Bronwen at bronwenkeyth@gmail.com.

Include your SCA and Mundane name with your entry. The saying can be for either one or both

This Month's Bardic Submission

THE FLOWER OF CALAIS

Ah, fair Calais of great renown
In France beyond compare,
Your land so wonderful and rich
No longer can declare.

Your daughter wise and beautiful
Your legend far exceeds,
For by her all your marvels great
Despair as ash and weeds.

Your shores of alabaster pure
Her shoulders put to shame.
Your roses vibrant, bursting red
Her lips, their fire, tame.

Your starry skies like diamonds bright?
Her eyes do sparkle more,
With depths mysterious and deep,
Alive with love so pure.

Her laughter like a silver shower
Our desert brings to bloom.
Her smile outshines our blazing sun.
The black heart sheds its gloom.

With grace she treads our foreign shores,
So radiant and fair
That butterflies will rest in flight
A wreath upon her hair.

Let rocks and springs, your meadows green
Sing your lament, Calais.
Your treasure graces al-Barran,
The lovely Elisee.

By: Mistress Cailte Caitchairn

Monthly Activities

Citizens Meetings: Held on the 3rd Tuesday of every month at the Manzano Mesa Multigenerational Center located at 501 Elizabeth St. SE, Albuquerque, NM. Meetings begin at 7:00 pm. For information email seneschal@al-barran.outlands.org

Fighter Practice: Sunday from 9:00 am until 2:00 pm at Montgomery Park located on Comanche near San Mateo. For heavy weapon fighting information, contact Viscount Sir Li at: knightmarchal@al-Barran.outlands.org. For rapier fighting information, contact Lord Sorkhan at rapier@al-Barran.outlands.org.

Archery Practice:
Location: Every Saturday
Time: 10:00am - 12:00pm
Occurrence: During the colder months (roughly December through April) it's at Sir Stefan's Winter Wander Range. During the warmer months (May through November) it's at Master Tore's.
Discription: This Weekly practice to sharpen your skills for the range and the field.
Directions: Directions to the Summer Mountain Range: Take I-40 to Tijeres, stay in the middle lane and continue straight after the stop light, (Highway 337) continue to mile marker 20 you will see a sign for the town of Yissiry. Turn right at the second Woodpecker Circle turnoff and it's the first house on the left.
Contact: Archery Captain THL Druid at archery@al-Barran.outlands.org for additional information

Scribal Workshop: The Scribes meet on the second and fourth Tuesdays of the month at 6:00 pm. The workshop is held at various places around the Barony. Please contact Mistress Ymanya.

Newcomers Household Meeting: Meetings are held on the second Tuesday of each month at 7:00pm. For more information please contact Lady Pipa, her info is on the inside front cover of this publication

The College of Blaiddwyn's Populace Meeting: Held on the first Tuesday of each month at 7:00 pm at the Frontier Restaurant across from UNM at Central and Cornell. Contact Illute at Blaiddwyn@al-Barran.outlands.org for more information.

The College of Blaiddwyn's Fighter Practice: Heavy and Rapier fighter practice are held on Wednesday (during daylight savings time months while school is in session) starting at 7:00 pm at Johnson Field on UNM campus. Please contact the officers of Blaiddwyn at sca@unm.edu.

The College of Blaiddwyn's Dance Practices: Court Dance and Middle Eastern Dance practices at Blaiddwyn will be held on the second and fourth Monday evenings in the SUB between 6:30 – 8:30 pm.

The College of Blaiddwyn's A & S Night: First and third Wednesday nights from 7 – 9 pm in the 3rd floor of the SUB. Contact the College at sca@unm.edu.

Calendar of Events
Please visit www.outlands.org or see the Outlandish Herald for more information.
Websites
Society: http:// sca.org Kingdom: http:// www.outlands.org
Baronial: http:// al-barran.outlands.org
College of Blaiddwyn: http://www.unm.edu/~sca/index.html
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